Chapter 18

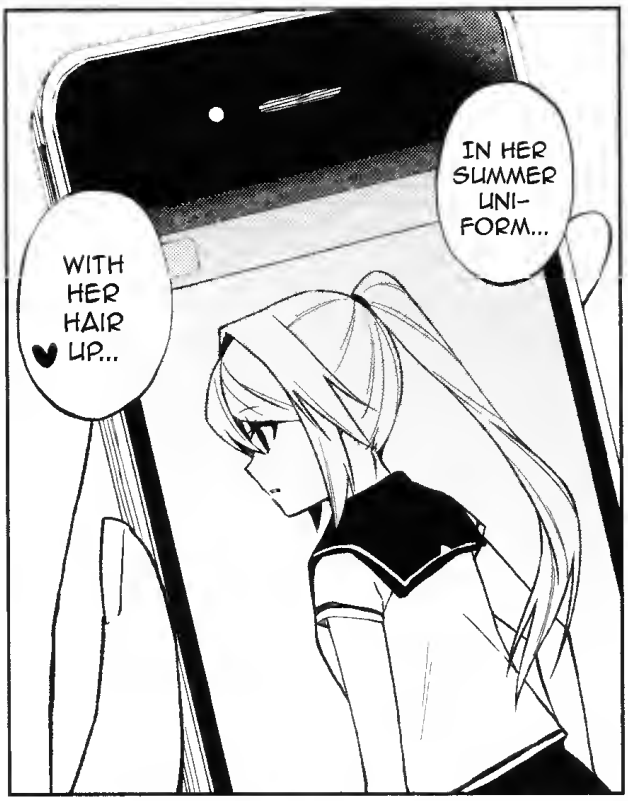
Riko and Dreams and Weaknesses

God, it's hot...
SAAAAG...
BZZ
BZZZ
BZZZZZZ
LOOKS LIKE MID-SUMMER'S HITTING FULL STRIDE.
KR-KRRRT
KR-KRRRT
LOOKS LIKE WE SET ANOTHER RECORD HIGH.
YIKES.
UEGH...

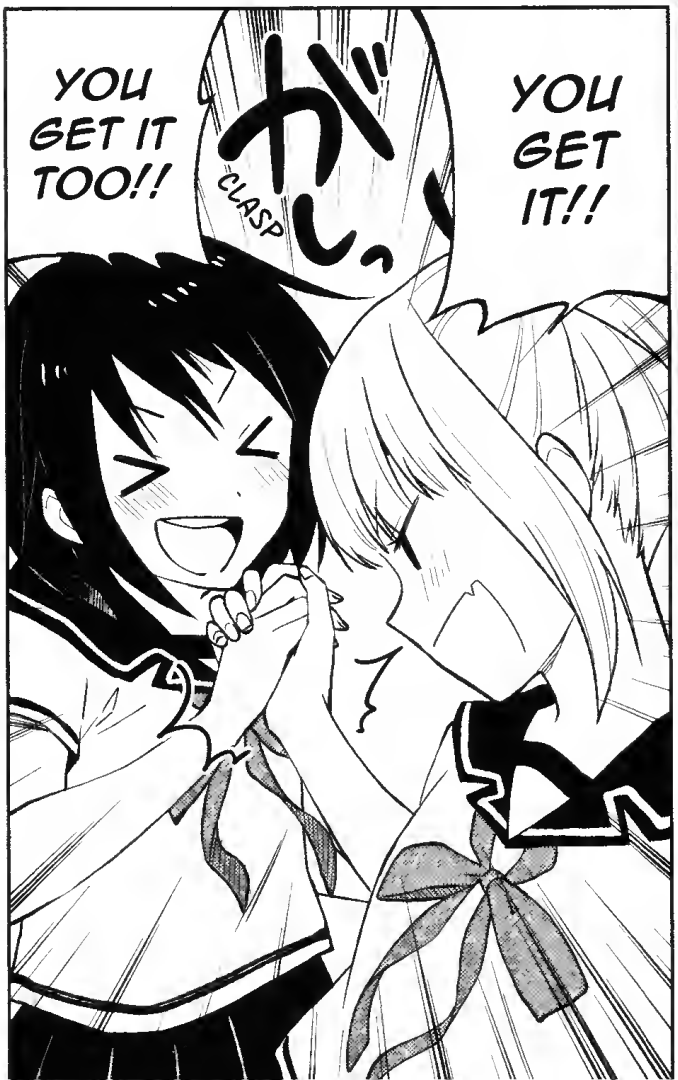
I'M NOT LOLLING BECAUSE I WANT TO...
YOU'RE SEEING A PERSON MELT HERE.
Right into a puddle
BAM
HEY, YOU!!
JUST 'CAUSE IT'S HOT DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET TO LOLL AROUND!
Uh...
SHE GAVE ME A SNAPPY COME-BACK...
AHH...
IS THERE NO OASIS FOR US IN THIS BURNING DESERT OF A CLASS-ROOM...
ガラッ
SLIDE

BREEZE
sparkle
sparkle

THERE IT IS!! OA-SIS!!
Th...
There it...
quiver
quiver
THERE IT IS! I FOUND IT! AN OASIS!
SHADDUP! DON'T DISTRACT ME! I'M RECORD-ING THIS MOMENT!!
SNAP SNAP
RIKO-CHAN!
YES? WHAT IS IT?
THEY'RE AWFULLY LIVELY SO EARLY IN THE MORNING...
BUSTLE
BUSTLE


IN HER SUMMER UNI-FORM...
WITH HER HAIR UP...

SIGHH...
daze
AIN'T IT GRAND...


YOU GET IT TOO!!
CLASP
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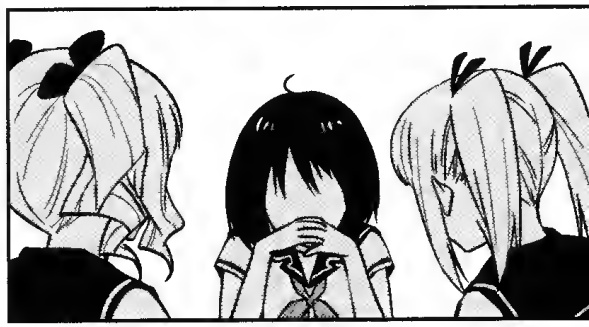
YOU GET IT!!

THE FAIR, PALE SKIN ON HER UPPER ARM AND THE NAPE OF HER NECK...
mutter



BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
THEY'RE AWFULLY CHUMMY TODAY.
Ooh hwe hwe hwe hweh
BZZZ
HUH?
BZZZ

A CICA-DA!
IT GOT IN THE CLASS-ROOM!

BZZZZZZZZZZ
AH!
WH... WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT!?

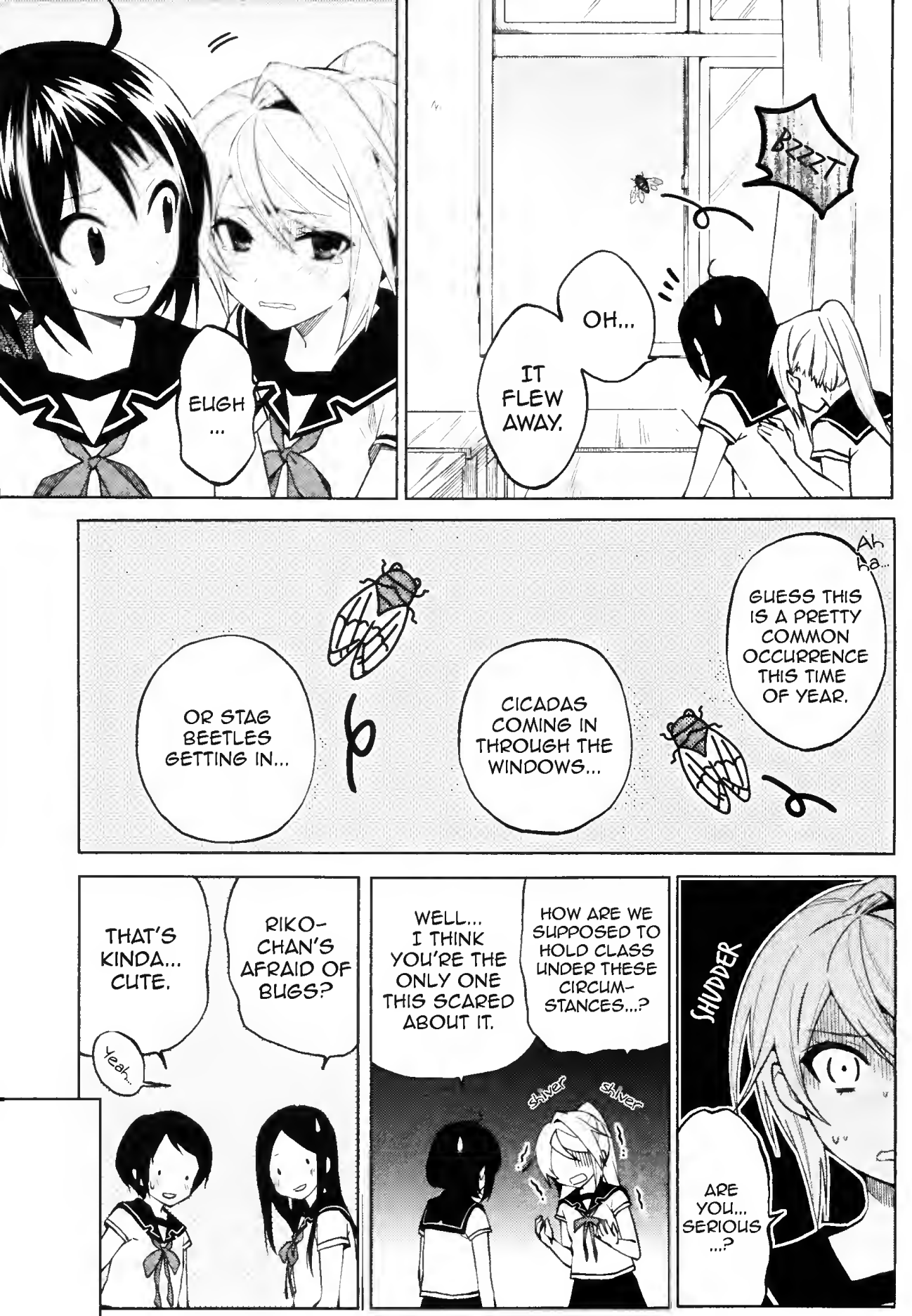
YAUGH HHHHH HH!!!

Y...

Pale-
A... CICA-DA...?

Eyeeesh
HURRY UP, SOME-BODY DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT!!
WHAT!? DON'T TALK CRAZY!!

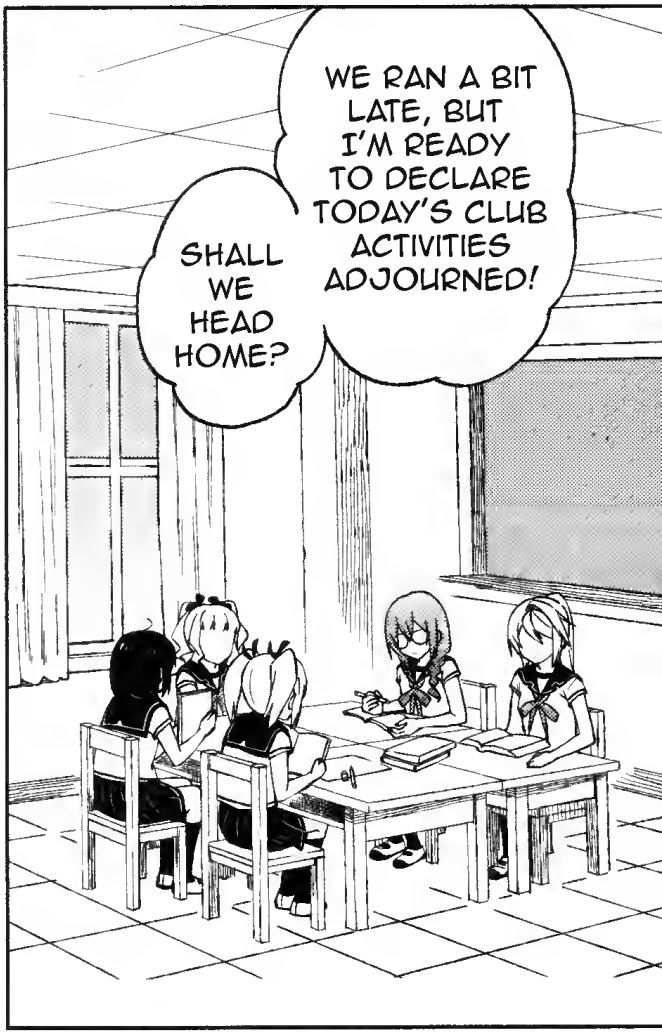
R-RIKO-CHAN! CALM DOWN!!
Shake
Shake

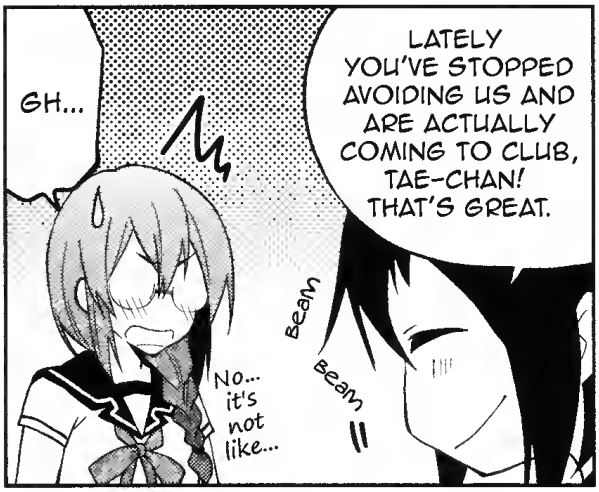

EUGH...
BZZZT
OH...
IT FLEW AWAY.
Ah, ha...
GUESS THIS IS A PRETTY COMMON OCCURRENCE THIS TIME OF YEAR.
CICADAS COMING IN THROUGH THE WINDOWS...
OR STAG BEETLES GETTING IN...
RIKO-CHAN'S AFRAID OF BUGS?
THAT'S KINDA... CUTE.
Yeah...
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO HOLD CLASS UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES...?
WELL... I THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THIS SCARED ABOUT IT.
shiver
shiver
SHUDDER
ARE YOU... SERIOUS ...?

WHEW.
FWUMP

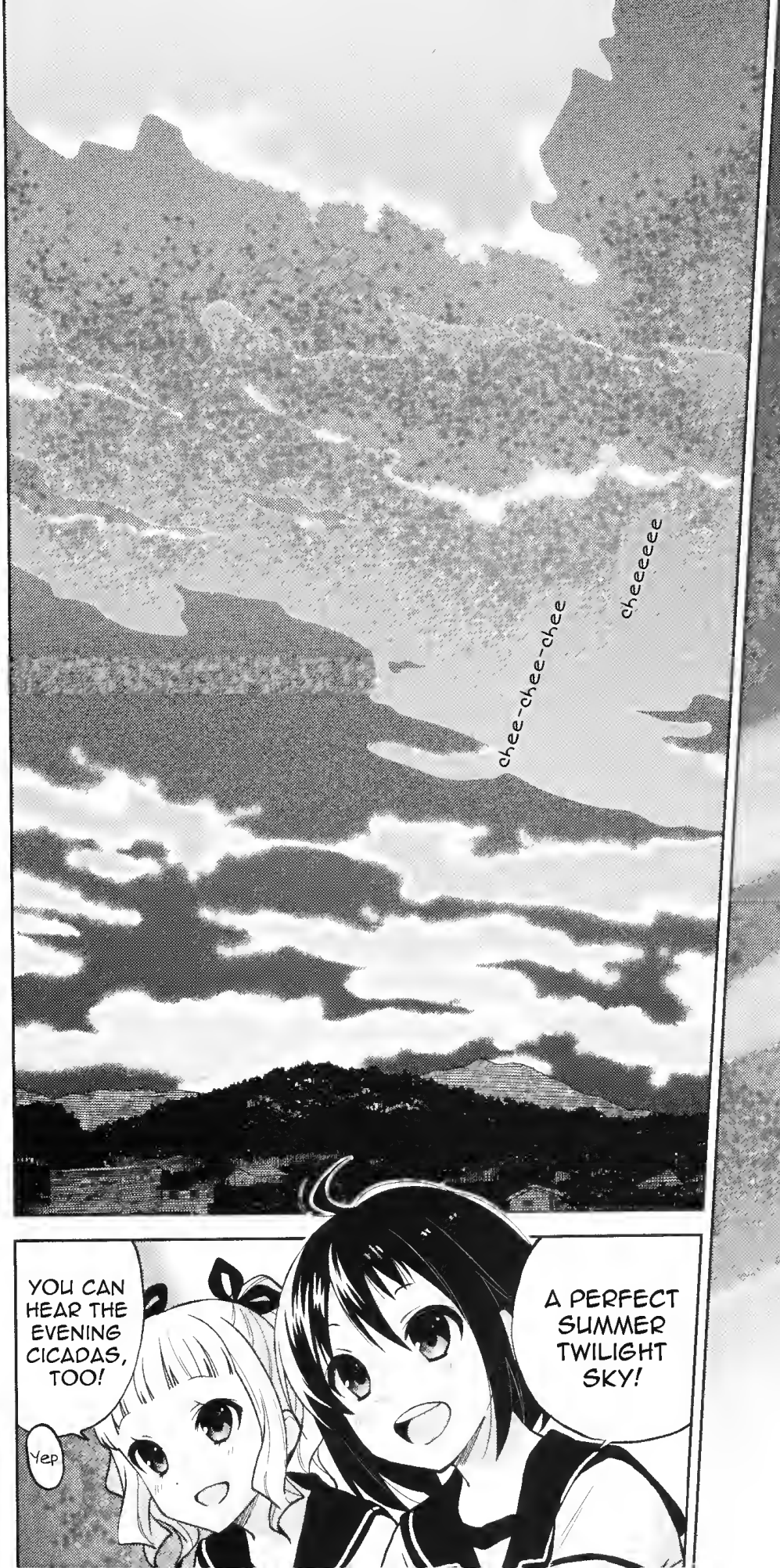
KA CLUB
Ding
Dong

GOOD WORK TODAY, THEN.
SCRAPE


WE RAN A BIT LATE, BUT I'M READY TO DECLARE TODAY'S CLUB ACTIVITIES ADJOURNED!
SHALL WE HEAD HOME?


LATELY YOU'VE STOPPED AVOIDING US AND ARE ACTUALLY COMING TO CLUB, TAE-CHAN! THAT'S GREAT.
Beam
Beam
GH...
No... it's not like...

WOW...
grab
LET ME SEE.
slide
HUH?
WHAT A PRETTY SUNSET.


chee-chee-chee
cheeeeee
A PERFECT SUMMER TWILIGHT SKY!
YOU CAN HEAR THE EVENING CICADAS, TOO!
Yep

cheeeee
ch-ch-cheee
SOOTHING SOMEHOW, ISN'T IT?
YEAH.
WELL, THAT'S A START!
I DON'T LIKE TO LOOK AT BUGS, BUT...
I DON'T MIND THE WAY THEY SOUND.
?
OOH, I KNOW!
LET'S HEAD OVER THERE RIGHT NOW!
OVER... WHERE?
Egh...
No...
slint
I'M GONNA SHOW YOU THAT THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL BUGS, TOO!
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!
THOUGH I STILL DON'T THINK I COULD DEAL WITH ANOTHER INCIDENT LIKE TODAY'S...
AH HA HA...

RIBB
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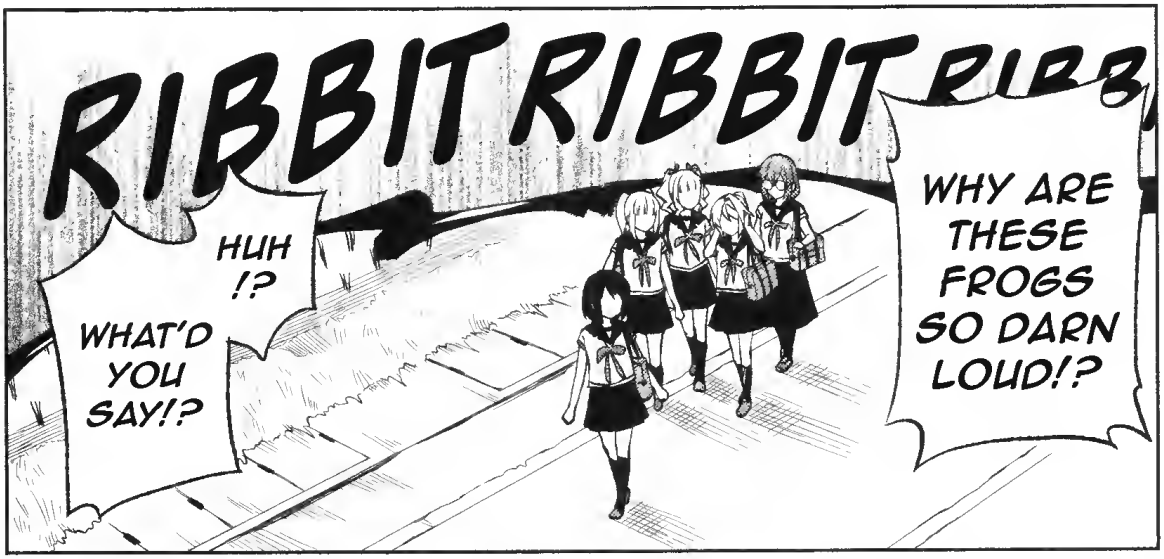
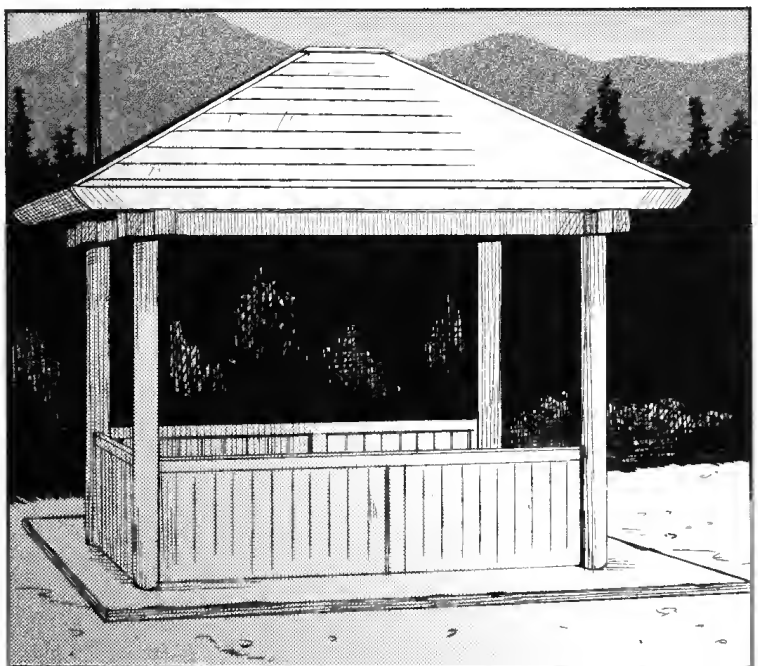
RIBBIT
HEY!

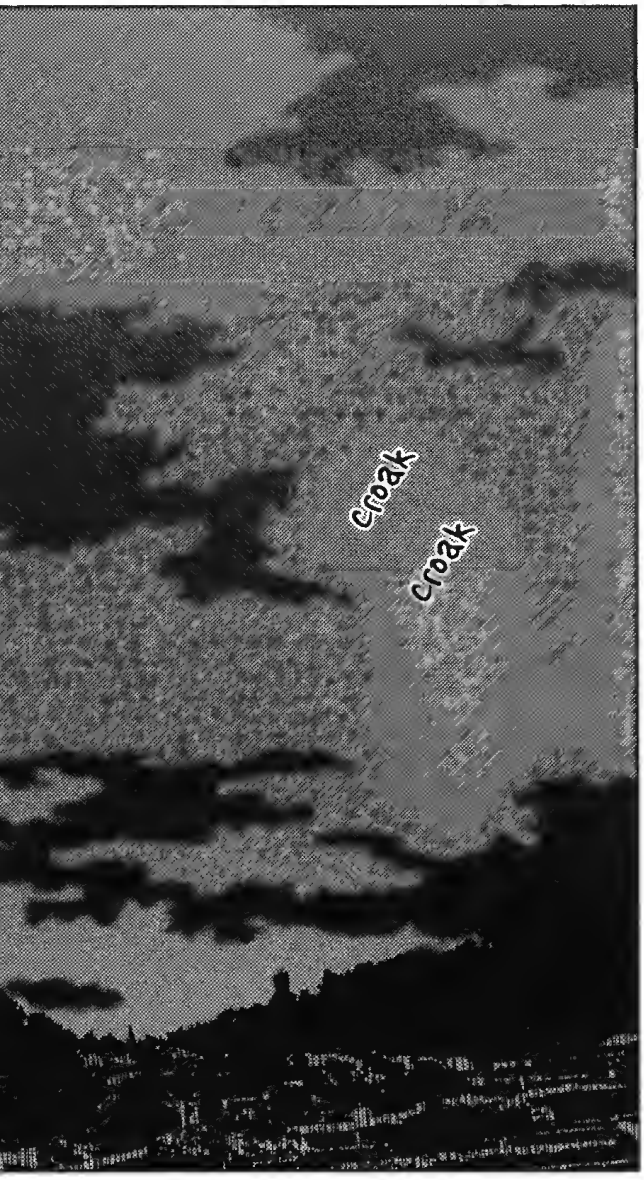

RIBBIT RIBBIT RIBB
HUH !?
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
WHY ARE THESE FROGS SO DARN LOUD!?



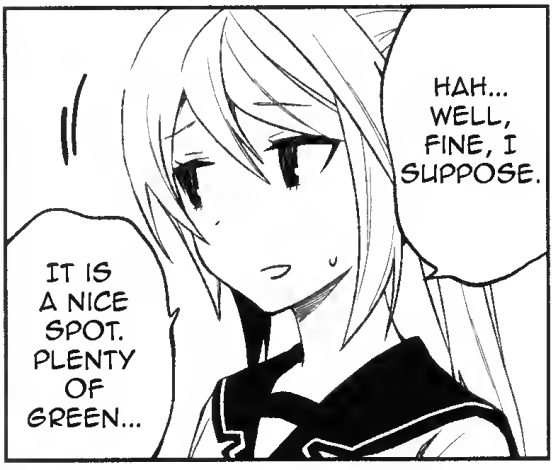
CROAK

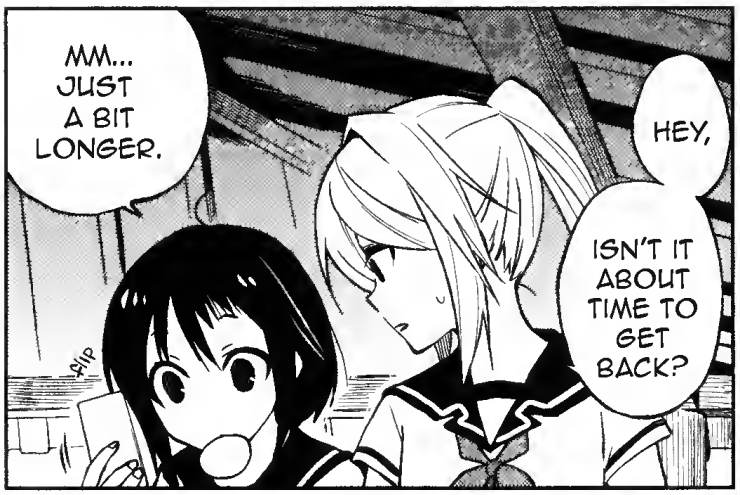
HERE, I GOT SOME SNACKS, SO SIT TIGHT AND ENJOY SOME WHILE WE WAIT!
FWUMP

ISN'T IT A NICE SPOT?
PHEW..
FINALLY GOT TO A QUIET PLACE.


croak
croak

WAIT, YOU SAID...
BUT, FOR WHAT!?
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN IT'S TIME!


HAH... WELL, FINE, I SUPPOSE.
IT IS A NICE SPOT. PLENTY OF GREEN...


MM... JUST A BIT LONGER.
HEY, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME TO GET BACK?
FLIP

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Darken...

HUH?
AH!

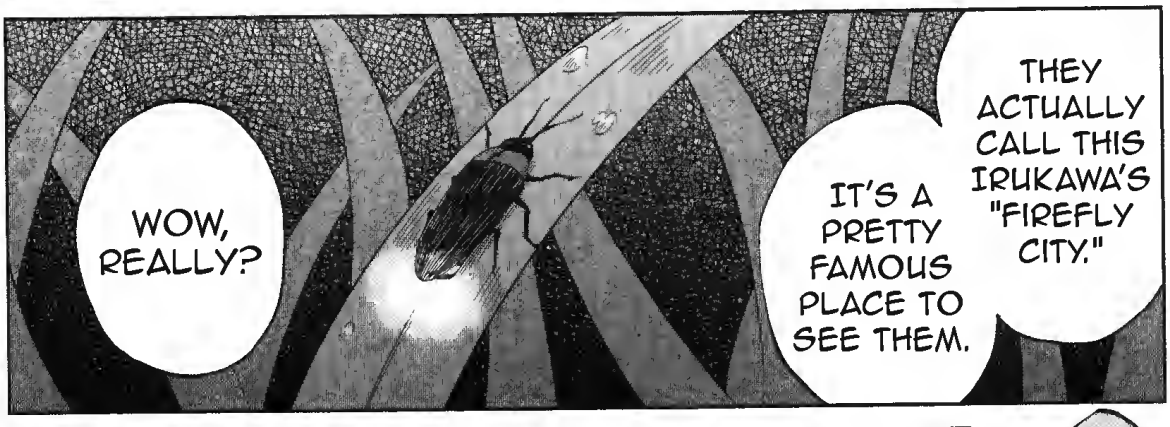
FLIT

WOW... WHAT IS THAT?

WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT??
RIKO-CHAN, THIS WAY! LOOK OVER HERE!

THEY'RE FIREFLIES!

I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY...
AMA-ZING!

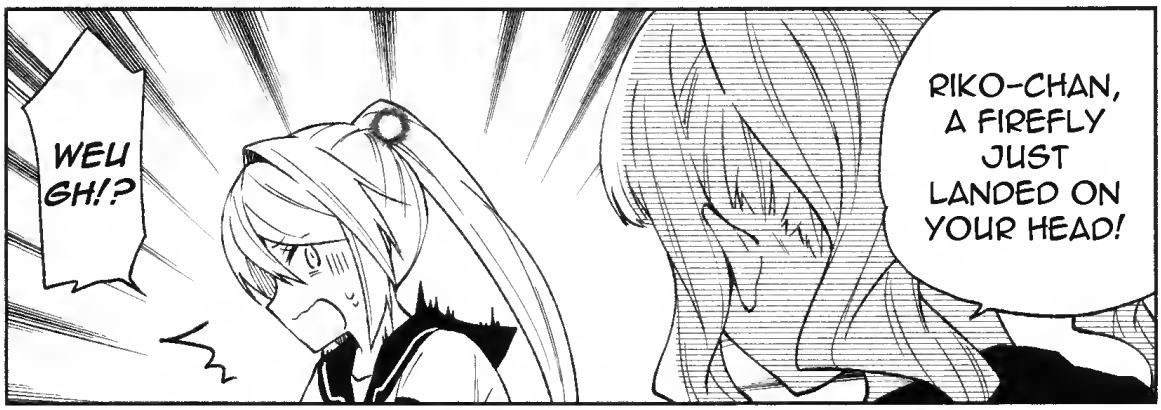

WOW, REALLY?
IT'S A PRETTY FAMOUS PLACE TO SEE THEM.
THEY ACTUALLY CALL THIS IRUKAWA'S "FIREFLY CITY."

AREN'T THEY!?
DID YOU EVER IMAGINE BUGS COULD SO PRETTY?
NO, HONEST-LY, I DIDN'T...

THEY REALLY ARE BEAUTI-FUL!

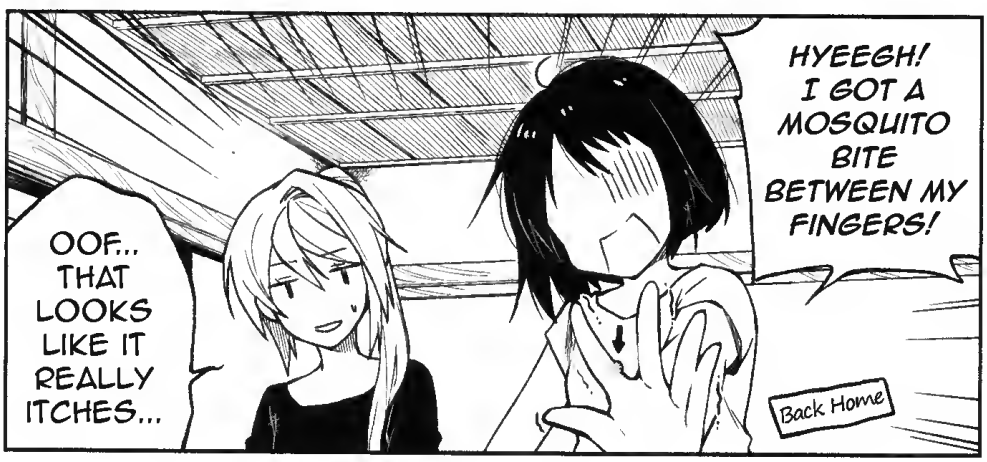
snap
NOW THEN...
IT'S LATE, SO SHOULD WE GET BACK?
YEAH, MAYBE WE SHOULD.
WHOA! I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW LATE IT WAS...
AND OW! I SURE DO ITCH!
bzzt
smack
AH, YEAH... THAT'D BE THE MOSQUI-TOES.

STICK
Itchy...
EUGH... I'M RUNNING INTO BUGS LEFT AND RIGHT TODAY...
AH!


RIKO-CHAN, A FIREFLY JUST LANDED ON YOUR HEAD!
WEUGH!?

WH-WH-WH-WHERE!?
AH HA HA...
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO AFRAID, RIKO-CHAN. IT'S PRETTY!
Ue... uegh...

NOPE! SORRY, CAN'T DO IT!!
A PRETTY BUG'S STILL A BUG!! GET IT OFF!!
OW-HOO...
NO GO, HUH?


HYEEGH! I GOT A MOSQUITO BITE BETWEEN MY FINGERS!
OOF... THAT LOOKS LIKE IT REALLY ITCHES...
Back Home

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温泉とイルカ
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